ASTERISK

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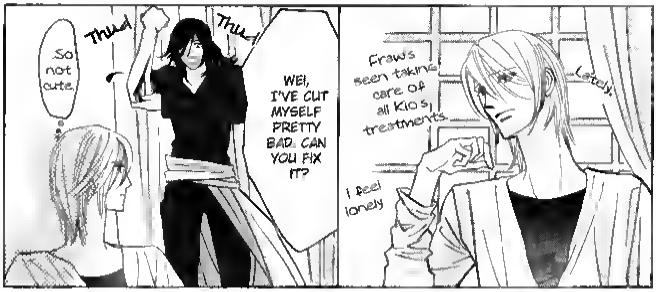

Thud
Thud
So not cute
WEI, I'VE CUT MYSELF PRETTY BAD. CAN YOU FIX IT?
Fraw's been taking care of all Kio's treatments
Lately
I feel lonely

I'M MORE RESISTANT TO HEAT THAN NORMAL ANGELS.
I USE FIRE FEATHER TECHNIQUES.
KIO'S SUCH AN IDIOT.
LET'S JUST ENJOY HIS FRUS-TRATED FACE FOR NOW.
WHAT SHOULD I MAKE HIM DO AFTER I'VE WON?
I ENTERED IT ONCE AND IT'S JUST REALLY "HOT".
IS IT REALLY DANGER-OUS?
THE RED MOUNTAIN. I'VE NEVER GONE PAST THIS POINT

THE SOIL IS TERRIBLY HOT AT PLACES
IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL WHERE YOU PUT YOUR FEET, YOU CAN GET BURNED.
THE MORE YOU CLIMB, THE HOTTER IT GETS
IT EVEN BECOMES PAINFUL TO BREATHE
VARIETIES OF PLANTS AND TREES THAT CAN BEAR THE HEAT GROW UP WELL ENOUGH
But the trees are hot too?
BUT IF YOU DON'T HAVE A STRONG RESISTANCE TO HEAT,
YOUR WINGS WILL BURN.
When you try with just one feather it catches fire at once.
WELL IF HE'S JUST GOING HALFWAY. EVEN AN ANGEL FROM THE BEGINNER CLASS SHOULD BE ALL RIGHT
CHILL
Haa
Haa

TIG, I HEARD A STRANGE SOUND.
THE LATOYA TREES ARE STILL A BIT FARTHER.
ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU WANT TO GIVE UP NOW?!
WHAT'S THAT SOUND...?
Hey!
BOOM
FWSH
I'VE COME SEVERAL TIMES TO PICK FRUIT FROM THE TREES.
BUT THE ATMOSPHERE IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!
I WAS WAITING BECAUSE YOU'RE SO SLOW.
BUT I WON'T WAIT ANY MORE.
WAIT, TIG!

LET'S GO BACK, TIG
THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE WITH THE MOUNTAIN...
Shaaa

BOOM
KSHK THUD
WHAT...? STEAM BLASTED OUT OF THE GROUND...!!
SHH~
SHH~
SEE, I TOLD YOU WE SHOULD GO BACK
IT'S SUPER HOT!
TIG, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

Boom!
Bubble
TIG!
WAIT, WAS THAT— A VERTICAL SPRAY?
fwsshh
IDIOT! THAT'S NOT NORMAL
IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT. ?
WE SHOULD GO CALL FOR HELP!
Let's split!

HEY...
HEY, KIO!
Nnn
waddle
ARE YOUR FEET ALL RIGHT?
YEAH...
THEN GO WITHOUT ME AND CALL FOR HELP.
YOUR FEET... THEY ARE INJURED?
MY SOLES HURT. I CAN'T WALK ANYMORE
BUT, IF YOU STAY HERE LONGER...
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO HURRY AND GO FOR HELP!
I'LL CARRY YOU.
Huh!?
WITH A FEATHER TECHNIQUE
SWSH
YOU CAN ONLY CARRY SMALL WEIGHTS, RIGHT?
It's impossible for someone at the beginner's level after all!

Boom
Flutter
Boom
Hey?!
ARE YOU GOING TO CARRY ME ON YOUR SHOULDERS!?
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
YOU'RE SO ANNOYING
SHUT UP!

TENRI,
THE RED MOUNTAIN IS ODD.
LOOKS LIKE IT'S BLOWING OFF STEAM.
It's been a while since I saw that.
Huh?
WHO'S THAT SHOUTING?
THAT'S... LUKE FROM THE INTERMEDIATE CLASS
GOT IT. THE FIVE TREES ENTRANCE, IS IT?
EVEN THOUGH WE TOLD YOU NOT TO ENTER IT.
Sorry.
Boom

I'LL LOWER THE HEAT ON YOUR PATH FOR A FEW MINUTES. CAN YOU TAKE CARE OF THEM, GREG?
DO IT
THE SPRAYS RE INTENSE THERE.
YEAH, I CAN SEE THEM TOO.
I CAN SEE THEIR LIGHTS, THEY'RE BOTH SAFE.
OOSH

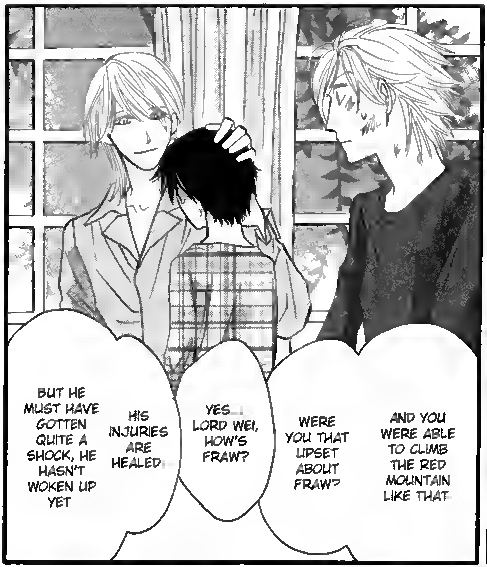
SFX: SWOOSH
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN THE RED MOUNTAIN IN THIS STATE
THE TEMPERATURE HAS DROPPED BUT IT'S STILL HOT

Huh?
Float
A PUPPET FEATHER?
Ssst
Ssst

QUICK...
TIG HAS... FAINTED...
KIO...

HE USED HIS WINGS IN THE RED MOUNTAIN ...?!
AND HIS WINGS WEREN'T INJURED AT ALL.
HE DIDN'T KNOW HIMSELF ABOUT IT UNTIL THEN
YOU CAN REACH SUCH A DEGREE OF RESISTANCE BY TRAINING. BUT ISN'T HE STILL IN THE BEGINNERS CLASS?
STILL, IN THAT HEAT, HE SENT A PUPPET FEATHER TO CALL FOR HELP WHILE CARRYING SOMEONE BIGGER THAN HIM ON HIS SHOULDERS TO PROTECT HIM FROM THE SOIL'S HEAT.
And all that with a fever, he's quite the guy
TENRI
IT'S OKAY IF I INSTRUCT HIM WHEN HE REACHES THE ADVANCED CLASS, RIGHT?
I WANT TO BE THE ONE TEACHING HIM.
ASIDE FROM THAT, THE WAY THE RED MOUNTAIN BEHAVED
RIGHT

IT MIGHT BE INFLUENCED BY THE DISTORTED ECOSYSTEM ON EARTH.
KIO'S INJURED AGAIN?
MEDICAL BUILDING
HE JUST WENT OUT WHEN HE WAS STILL FEVERISH
KIO
WHO TOLD YOU YOU COULD GO OUTSIDE?
TUG
ZWOOW-RRYY. (Sorry.)
IT'S BETTER NOT TO HEAL YOUR BURNS FORCEFULLY,
SO THIS TIME YOU'D BETTER REST.
OK.


BUT HE MUST HAVE GOTTEN QUITE A SHOCK, HE HASN'T WOKEN UP YET
HIS INJURIES ARE HEALED
YES... LORD WEI, HOW'S FRAW?
WERE YOU THAT UPSET ABOUT FRAW?
AND YOU WERE ABLE TO CLIMB THE RED MOUNTAIN LIKE THAT
THAT'S RIGHT
KIO... WAS SICK?

Glare

WELL, TIG,
LET'S TAKE CARE OF YOU

ERR... IS IT OKAY IF I GO SEE FRAW...?
SURE he's in the recovery room
THANK YOU VERY MUCH

OKAY...
You should go to sleep now.

KIO,
LET US HANDLE THIS MATTER.

THE FASTEST TREATMENT IT IS
ALL RIGHT
YES, THE FASTER THE BETTER
THOSE ARE AWFUL. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAL THEM QUICKLY?
(SEXINGYAAAAAA?)
AH...
Again?!
That hurts doesn't it?
Gaaah
LORD WEI, WAI...WAIT...

Kio shouldn't you go to sleep?
I will as soon as I've seen Fraw
SORRY FRAW.
I WASN'T ABLE TO DO ANYTHING AFTER ALL
KIO
FRAW, DOES IT HURT?
NAH ...
KIO... THIS...
IT GAVE ME A LOT OF STRENGTH!
IT'D BE GOOD IF IT DIDN'T LEAVE A DEEP WOUND IN HIS HEART, BUT
AH

I... I FACED THOSE GUYS FROM THE INTER-MEDIATE CLASS!
AND I TOOK IT BACK!
IT GOT TATTERED, THOUGH,
YOUR FEATH-ER...
YEAH.
THAT'S GREAT, FRAW
YOU DID WELL
YOU DID VERY WELL
IN TRUTH, FRAW IS
Yep
STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT
He—y!

SORRY FOR EVERYTHING.
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FULL RECOVERY
THEY'VE BEEN MAKING US DO PUNISHMENTS SINCE THEN.
Rustle
THAT'S PROBABLY ANOTHER PUNISHMENT.
HOW CAN WE TRUST YOU?
LOOK. WE SAID WE WON'T DO IT AGAIN.

I'M SORRY!
PLEASE FOR-GIVE ME!!
TIG
I WON'T DO IT AGAIN!
I SWEAR IT! PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
CAN WE FORGIVE HIM, FRAW?
YEAH

HA HA.
LORD WEI'S "FAST TREATMENT" HURTS, DOESN'T IT?
IF YOU KNEW ABOUT IT, YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME
Haa ha ha
YEAH
WE SHOULD HELP EACH OTHER.
NOTHING GOOD EVER COMES FROM TWO ANGELS HATING ONE ANOTHER.
THIS FLOWER'S THE ONLY ONE NOT OPENING
EVERY OTHER FLOWER HAS OPENED?
EVEN THOUGH A FAINT LIGHT CAN BE SENSED FROM INSIDE
YES, AND THE NEWBORN ARE ALL HEALTHY

THEN, A FEW YEARS LATER
HEY, KIO.
WE WILL WAIT AND OBSERVE IT A BIT LONGER.
YES.
That's right
LORD TENRI'S TONE IS CHEERFUL, BUT DURING ACTUAL TRAINING, HE'S REAL TOUGH...
YOU'RE BOTH BEING TAUGHT BY LORD TENRI AREN'T YOU?
Splish Splash
DON'T LAUGH!
HE FELL IN THE BOG DURING OUR TRAINING ON FEATHER TECHNIQUES.
..TIG?

KIO, HAVE YOU DECIDED WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO IN THE ADVANCED CLASS YET?
...WHAT I'M GOING TO
I WONDER WHY, EACH TIME I MEET LORD LOKEIN,
"PLEASE ENTER MY CLASS"
...HE SAYS THAT, BUT...
Hmm
HE DOESN'T SAY THAT TO OTHERS WHY?!
I'VE HEARD THE MANIFIS ARE MULTIPLYING ON EARTH
YOU'RE GOING TO BE ON MANIFIS DUTY?
YEAH, IT LOOKS LIKE A DANGEROUS JOB. SO LORD TENRI'S TEACHING US FIERCELY
Ouch
MANIFIS DUTY...?
Shut up!
Oooh, you did grow up, Tig

KIO, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
BATH-ING
THEN I'LL ALSO ...
YOU HADN'T FINISHED YOUR ASSIGN-MENT, FRAW
BUT...
BEFORE, YOU ALWAYS STAYED WITH ME UNTIL I COULD DO THEM.
I'VE GOT OTHER THINGS TO DO TOO, YOU KNOW.
WELL, DID YOU FINISH IT?
...IT'S MY HOME-WORK
Now
I'VE ALREADY DONE 8 OF THEM
Hmm
IT'S OKAY TO DO IT AT YOUR OWN PACE
FRAW
Err, Um...
EVEN IF I'M NOT THERE...
YOU KNOW, YOU'LL HAVE TO BE ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR DUTIES ON YOUR OWN SOMEDAY.

Even if you're not there?
Are you going away?
Flap
SHALL WE DO THEM TOGETHER?
Your exercises
YES!
NEVERMIND IT WON'T BE POSSIBLE ANYMORE WHEN WE GET TO THE ADVANCED CLASS
I'M STILL TOO SOFT ON FRAN
YOUR WINGS ARE REALLY PRETTY, KIO
THAT'S BECAUSE I'VE JUST WASHED THEM.
NOT JUST NOW, THEY ALWAYS HAVE THAT BEAUTIFUL COLOR
IT'S THE SAME COLOR AS YOURS
IT'S NOT.

ONLY KIO'S HAVE THAT WARM COLOR
THE FEATHERS VARY ACCORDING TO THE TYPE OF ANGEL YOU ARE
KIO AND FRAW, IS IT
GOOD MORNING, MS LUCIL
DID THE FLOWERS OPEN?
NOT YET
IT SHOULD NOT BE LONG NOW.
CAN WE WATCH FOR A WHILE?
PLEASE DO
KIO COMES EVERY DAY.
HE SAID HE WANTED TO SEE THE MOMENT ANGELS ARE BORN
WHAT IS IT?
WELL I'VE BEEN WONDER-ING
ABOUT FRAW

EXPLANATIONS
ANGELS ARE BORN FROM THE FLOWERS IN THIS ROOM.
EVEN WHEN THE FLOWERS OPEN, THE NEWBORN ANGELS GO ON SLEEPING
THEY OPEN THEIR EYES AFTER A WHILE AND THEN NURSES TAKE THEM TO ANOTHER ROOM
THERE THEY PUT THEM IN HOT WATER TO WARM THEM
IT TAKES AROUND ONE MONTH FOR ALL THE FLOWERS TO OPEN AND THE NEWBORN TO OPEN THEIR EYES
DURING THIS TIME THE NURSES ARE ALL VERY BUSY
THE DAY WHEN KIO AND FRAW WERE BORN, A LOT OF ANGELS HAD OPENED THEIR EYES AT THE SAME TIME.
The rest of the flowers have just opened, so they won't wake up for a while.
They look cold let's put them in the water quickly
Lean
Lean
...
Pop

Shiver
glow
Shiver
Shiver
THE ANGELS WHO HAVE JUST OPENED THEIR EYES CAN'T REGULATE THEIR BODY TEMPERATURE,
AND IT GETS VERY LOW
Fwsh
Zzzzz
Flap Flap

SORRY, YOU MUST HAVE BEEN COLD
HE WOKE UP
HEY, OVER THERE ~.
Warm
HERE, COME
Hug ~
Naaaaah.
GOOD MORNING, KIO, FRAW
GOOD MORNING, LADY MARY
THEY'RE GOING TO OPEN SOON, I HOPE YOU'LL ENJOY IT
YES.
IT'S FRAW'S OWN WILL
COULD IT BE OUR FAULT THAT FRAW ALWAYS WANTS TO BE NEAR KIO .?

IT'D BE NICE IF THIS CHILD COULD COME OUT SOON TOO.
?
IT DIDN'T OPEN AT THE LAST BIRTHING TIME.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENED.
THERE'S NO REASON TO BE AFRAID. SO YOU SHOULD COME OUT.
WAH!
RUSH!
THAT'S RIGHT.
MAYBE HE'S AFRAID.
IT... IT MOVED!
YOUR WORDS REACHED HIM.

POP
POP
POP
POP
KIO
EH?
GWAH!
IT'S WONDER-FUL.
YEAH.

EVEN THOUGH WE WERE BORN THERE TOO, WE CAN'T REMEMBER IT AT ALL
YEAH
THEY SAID WE SHOULDN'T COME FOR A WHILE, SINCE IT WOULD DISTURB THE NEWBORN
I see
IT WAS SOOO BEAUTIFUL!!
Aw, you're so lucky
SHOULDN'T YOU BECOME A NURSE THERE, KIO?
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT
IT'S TRUE IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT DUTY
Kio could do it too
Rustle
I WANT TO TRY IT

BLACK CLOUDS?!
KIO?
...FRAW, CLOUDS LIKE THOSE APPEAR ON EARTH, RIGHT?
EH?
<SFX: SPLASH>
RAIN?!
RAIN IN THE ANGELS WORLD!
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I'M GOING OUT FOR A WHILE
THAT'S ...RAIN?
AS I FEARED... DID "THEY" MANAGE TO ENTER THE ANGELS WORLD?
KIO? WHERE TO?!
I DON'T KNOW WHY,
BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE BIRTHING BUILDING

THE SKY'S DARKENING...
EVEN THOUGH THERE'S NO NIGHT IN THE ANGELS WORLD.
THE BUILDING'S ROOF HAS BEEN TORN AWAY.
SOMETHING DARK RED?
IT CAME IN SUDDENLY,
AND WITH A SHAPE WE'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE
AND IT TOOK ONE OF THE NEWBORN WHO HADN'T OPENED HIS EYES YET.
EH...?

I GOT IT. WE'LL LOOK FOR HIM
MARY, TAKE CARE OF THINGS HERE
OKAY
COULD IT BE THE NEWBORN FROM THE "FLOWER THAT HADN'T OPENED"?
IT'LL BE DIFFICULT SEARCHING IN THIS RAIN
I'LL GO EAST
AND I, NORTH
Lord Tenri will look for it too
Then you go West
THE FLOWER THAT HADN'T OPENED
THERE'S NO REASON TO BE AFRAID, SO YOU SHOULD COME OUT
KIO?
IT KIDNAPPED THAT ONE?!

KIO!
FRAW
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
I'VE GOT TO LOOK FOR IT!
EAR
HE WAS FINALLY BORN.
YET SOMEONE DID THAT...!
<SFX: SLITHER>
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Slither
EH?
WHAT IS THIS...? I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S SOMETHING AROUND THERE,
BUT I SENSE A WEIRD PRESENCE...
IT'S MOVING REALLY FAST
COULD IT BE

KIO'S FOUND IT?
IT'S A GOOD THING I STUCK A PUPPET FEATHER TO HIM.
He's blown quite far, too
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO THAT CHILD?
WHAT ...?
WHAT IS THAT... DARK RED THING?
NEWBORN ANGELS ARE REALLY WEAK, LET GO OF HIM!!
Ah!
Swish
HE OPENED HIS EYES.

WAIT!
Eeee
Yank
LET... HIM GO, DAMN YOU!
Eeee
GOOD, FRAW KEEP A HOLD ON IT!
Yeah
Eeeeee
Yank

Flap
(SFX YANK)
YOU CAN LET GO, FRAW! LET'S FLY AWAY!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU TO A WARMER PLACE

WHAT WAS THAT THING?
I DON'T KNOW. BUT IT FELT BAD.
Sister
<SFX: BURST>

WHY IS IT TARGETING THIS KID?!
WHAT IS THAT THING?
KIO!
IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT. YOU'LL SE
<SFX: GRIND>
Aaaa!...
<SFX: GRIND>

I WILL NEVER ...
LET YOU HAVE THIS CHILD...!
DA... DAMN
GRIP

!
BOOM
WH... WHERE DID IT GO...?
WHERE IS IT?
THE ANGEL ... DISAP-PEARED?!
KIO!
Y. YOU—?
WHERE IS IT?
WHERE?

Thump
LEAVE IT TO ME!
Slither
Slither
Slither
Rustle
Rustle

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